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FOR SPIERS ( PM)

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER, MASS

SUBJ: MAAG/ MILGP - ASSIGNMENT OF AIRCRAFT

1. AS DEPT AWARE, I HAVE HAD UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW SIZE AND STRUCTURE USG STAFF IN BRAZIL WITH VIEW TO STRENGTHENING WHERE NECESSARY BUT ALSO MAKING REDUCTIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED OBJECTIVE OF LOWERING U. S. PROFILE.

2. STRENGTH OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH BRAZIL AND LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL COMPONENT SECTIONS OF MISSION CAUSE ME TO RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME NO RPT NO REDUCTIONS IN PRESENT T. O., EXCEPT AS INDICATED BELOW:

3. WE HAVE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HAD ASSIGNED TO MILGP AN AIRCRAFT WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO THE PLANE MAINTAINED BY THE AIR ATTACHE. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONSIDERATIONS ARE SUCH AS TO JUSTIFY ITS CONTINUATION. WITH THE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY GROUP FROM THE EXISTING WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS FIRST ASSIGNED, AND WITH THE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN COMMERCIAL AIR FACILITIES IN BRAZIL, I DO NOT CONSIDER MILGP PLANE TO BE ESSENTIAL, AND ITS ELIMINATION WOULD BE IN LINE WITH OUR EFFORT TO MINIMIZE U. S. PRESENCE

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HERE. TWO OFFICERS AND TWO ENLISTED MEN CONSTITUTE  
PRESENT CREW, WHICH IN MY JUDGMENT COULD BE REMOVED  
FROM STAFFING PATTERN.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH GENERAL BOLLING  
AND GENERAL LISET. I UNDERSTAND FROM GENERAL LISET THAT  
CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO REPLACING PRESENT CONVAIR  
WITH MUCH SMALLER PLANE, POSSIBLY 5- OR 6- SEAT CAPACITY,  
WHICH COULD BE MAINTAINED BY ONE OFFICER. IF THIS PLAN  
SHOULD MATERIALIZE, IMPACT WOULD BE MATERIALLY LESS THAN  
UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENT. IF THIS IS NOT CONTEMPLATED  
FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION, HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND THAT  
DEFENSE PROCEED WITH ELIMINATION OF MILGP PLANE,  
WITHDRAWING FROM T. O. FOUR PERSONNEL NOW ASSIGNED FOR  
THIS PURPOSE. INCREASED RELIANCE COULD BE PLACED  
UPON ATTACHE PLANE FOR ANY URGENT REQUIREMENTS WHICH  
CANNOT BE MET BY COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.  
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